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AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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ERNEST R.)

SUBJECT: UNRWA FINANCING

REFS: (A) STATE 161419; (B) USUN 3277; (C) BEIRUT 8795;
(D) STATE 162657

1. FOR REASONS NOTED BELOW, EMBASSY REGRETS DELAY IN PRESENTA-
TION OF UNRWA CHECK AND SUGGESTS CEREMONIES TAKE PLACE ON JULY 11

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AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED.

WE WISH TO SUGGEST THAT
PUBLICITY FROM THIS CONTRIBUTION AT THIS TIME COULD RPT
COULD HAVE POSITIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR RELEASE OF COL MORGAN.

2. AS DEPT. AND ADDRESSEES AWARE, THIS EMBASSY GREATLY
PREOCCUPIED BY CONTINUED DETENTION OF COL MORGAN AND WISHES
EXHAUST EVERY POSSIBILITY WHICH MIGHT ASSIST IN OBTAINING HIS
RELEASE UNHARMED. WHILE CERTAIN DEGREE OF MIXING APPLES
WITH ORANGES INVOLVED, WE SEE POSSIBILITY THAT PUBLICITY RE
THIS USG ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA COULD RPT COULD
BE PRODUCTIVE FACTOR IN ACHIEVING THAT END. FOR MAXIMUM EF-
FECT, HOWEVER, WE MUST PLACE UNRWA PRESENTATION MATERIAL
IN LOCAL PRESS FOR SATURDAY, JULY 12 RPT 12 AND THIS REQUIRES
THAT EVENT TAKE PLACE TODAY, JULY 11.

3. WE CERTAINLY CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THIS PLOY WILL BE
SUCCESSFUL, BUT SEE SEVERAL POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF EMPLOYING
PUBLICITY AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN MORGAN CASE:

A) MORGAN'S ABDUCTORS, IF RPT IF THEY DESIRE FACE-SAVING
WAY OUT OF DEADLINE THEY HAVE SET, COULD GRAB THIS
EVIDENCE OF USG GENEROSITY TO PALESTINIAN POOR AS
PRETEXT TO RELEASE MORGAN.

B) AT SAME TIME, THERE COULD BE NO RPT NO LEGITIMATE
ACCUSATION THAT USG HAD ACCEDED TO BLACKMAIL IN
MORGAN CASE OR VIOLATED LONG-STANDING POLICY OF RE-
FUSING TO PAY RANSOM IN KIDNAPPINGS. BUT EMBASSY
AND UNRWA HEADQUARTERS COULD EASILY ANSWER ANY
ACCUSATIONS OF CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS CONTRIBUTION
AND MORGAN CASE (AFTER RPT AFTER HIS SAFE RETURN)
BY POINTING TO FACT THAT MENTION OF DOLS 6 MILLION
CONTRIBUTION APPEARED IN COMGEN'S STATEMENT AS
EARLY AS MARCH 21, 1975 ADCOM MEETING.

C) PLO COMMAND,
WHICH WE BELIEVE BEHAVING CON-
STRUCTIVELY ON MORGAN CASE, COULD INTERPRET AN-
NOUNCEMENT AT THIS TIME POSITIVELY IF THEY CHOOSE.
AND, IN VIEW OPEN BREACH WITH "REJECTIONISTS" THAT
HAS DEVELOPED IN LAST 24 RPT 24 HOURS, 'ARAFAT
MAY RPT MAY EVEN BE MORE INCLINED THAN PRE-
VIOUSLY TO URGE GENEROSITY TO UNRWA ON OIL-RICH
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ARAB STATES. HE DOES NOT RPT NOT NEED COLLAPSE OF
UNRWA SERVICES TO COMPLICATE HIS LIFE AT TIME WHEN
HE FACING SHOWDOWN WITH HIS PALESTINIAN RIVALS.
D) PUBLICITY WOULD STILL SERVE PURPOSE OF STIMULATING
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS AS ENVISAGED IN BEIRUT 8150
(NOTAL).
E. EVEN GOL AUTHORITIES MIGHT RPT MIGHT BE ABLE TO
PARLEY PUBLICITY INTO BARGAINING CHIP IN THEIR TENUOUS

CONTACT WITH THOSE HOLDING MORGAN.

F) WE HAVE EXAMINED ISSUE FROM ALL SIDES (UNRWA'S INTERESTS AS WELL AS THOSE OF USG AND COL MORGAN) AND CONCLUDED THAT WE HAVE NOTHING RPT NOTHING TO LOSE BY TAILORING TIMING TO THIS IMMEDIATE AND PRESSING ISSUE.

4. IN VIEW THIS SITUATION, WE STRONGLY URGE DEPT. TO PROVIDE, BY FLASH CABLE, ITS APPROVAL FOR PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN BEIRUT TO PROCEED TODAY. WE UNDERSTAND RATIONALE CONTAINED REFTEL D FOR POSTPONEMENT BUT BELIEVE POSSIBLE COUNTERVAILING ADVANTAGES HERE OUTWEIGHT THOSE CONSIDERATIONS.

5. EMBOFF HAS SPOKEN BY PHONE THIS MORNING WITH SIR JOHN RENNIE, WHO AWARE WORD ON SAUDI CONTRIBUTION (USUN 3277) WILL BE RELEASED THIS MORNING. RENNIE CONCERNED THAT TEXT USG RELEASES IN BEIRUT AND NY NOT RPT NOT CONTAIN VERBIAGE WHICH LIKELY PUT OFF FURTHER OIL-RICH ARAB CONTRIBUTIONS. EMBOFF INFORMED COMGEN THAT USG SENSITIVE TO THIS PROBLEM AND HAS ALREADY AMENDED ITS TEXT (PARA 2, REFTEL D) BUT THAT WE WILL COMPARE NOTES WITH HIM ON OUR PRESS RELEASE AT TIME OF CEREMONY. WE WILL, OF COURSE, ADVISE DEPT. AND USUN OF RESULTS OF THAT CONSULTATION.
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